



Types of slaves

Ref: *Sefer Kinyan, Hilchot* , Chapters 1–9

Types of slaves (Comparison)

	<i>Eved Ivri</i> (sold by Court due to being a thief)	<i>Eved Ivri</i> (sold himself out of poverty)	<i>Amah Ivriyah</i> (sold by father out of poverty)	<i>Eved Cnaani</i>	<i>Shifchah Cnaanit</i>
ELIGIBLE TO BE SLAVE					
<i>Ishah</i> (woman) [cannot acquire a male servant]	x	x	✓		✓
<i>Jewish man (ish)</i> [can acquire servants]	✓	✓		x	
<i>Ger</i> (convert) [can acquire servants]	x	x			
<i>Gentile</i> [cannot acquire <i>Eved Ivri</i> but can acquire <i>Eved Cnaani</i>]				✓	
<i>Ger toshav</i> (resident alien) [cannot acquire <i>Eved Ivri</i> but can acquire <i>eved Cnaani</i>]					
<p>Reminder:  <i>Ger</i> (Proselyte) and <i>Ger Toshav</i> (Resident Alien). Ref: <i>Sefer Kedushah, Hilchot Issurei Biah</i>, Chapter 13, 14</p>	x	x			
<p>Method of acquirement</p> <p>Reminder:  Definition of Sales. Ref: <i>Sefer Kinyan, Hilchot Mechirah</i>, Chapter 1-6</p>	<p>2 ways</p> <p><i>Kesef</i> (money)</p> <p><i>Shtar</i> (contract)</p>	<p>2 ways</p> <p><i>Kesef</i></p> <p><i>Shtar</i></p>	<p>2 ways</p> <p><i>Kesef</i></p> <p><i>Shtar</i></p>	<p>5 ways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • money • contract • owner manifestation • <i>kinyan chalifin</i> • <i>meshichah</i> (pulling) 	
Sold in public	x	x	x	✓	✓
Normal labour	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<i>Avodat perech</i> (unreasonable labour)	x	x	x	✓	✓
<i>Avodat eved</i> (servile tasks)	x	x	x	✓	✓

Applies at all times	x only when <i>yovel</i> observed	x only when <i>yovel</i> observed	x only when <i>yovel</i> observed	✓	✓
Length of service	6 years only	6 years or more	6 years or less	For ever	For ever
Ear pierced to extend period of slavery	✓	x	x	x	x
Can be forced to marry a Canaanite wife to produce more slaves	✓	x			
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Can be sold to Gentile	x	✓ (but really not allowed)		✓ but fine imposed (because servant has become partially Jewish)	✓ but fine imposed
Receives departing gift	✓ (but not if freedom purchased)	x	✓ (but not if freedom purchased)	x	x
Master has to provide sustenance	✓ (Even to wife and children)	✓ (Even to wife and children)	✓	x	x
Master entitled to proceeds of work of wife and children of servant	x Husband retains rights	x Husband retains rights			
Method of release	5 methods • Conclusion years • Jubilee • Money • Get <i>shichrur</i> • Death master	5 methods • Conclusion years • Jubilee • Money • Get <i>shichrur</i> • Death master	6 methods • Conclusion years • Jubilee • Money • Get <i>shichrur</i> • Death of master • Manifestation of physical maturity	3 methods • Money • Get <i>shichrur</i> • Loss of dlimb	
Can be sold to someone else	x	x	x		